

IN THE CLAIMS AMEND

Claim 3, line 1

Delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 1

Delete "one of claims 3 to 6" and insert -- claim  
3 --.

Claim 11, line 1

Delete "one of claims 3 to 10" and insert --  
claim 3 --.

Claim 12, line 1

Delete "or 2".

Claim 16, line 1

Delete "one of claims 12 to 15" and insert --  
claim 12 --.

Claim 18, line 1

Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert --  
claim 1 --.

Claim 21, line 1

Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert --  
claim 1 --.

Claim 22, line 1

Delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert --  
claim 1 --.

Claim 24, line 1

Delete "one of claims 1 to 21" and insert --  
claim 1 --.

REMARKS

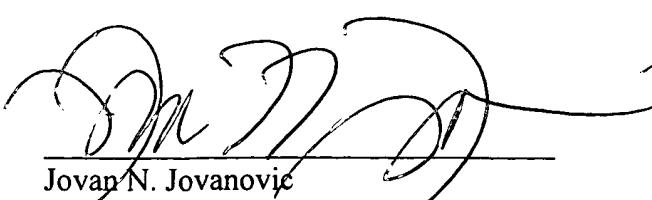
Upon entry of the above amendment, Applicant submits that the application should be in condition for substantive examination.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 578-0400, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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